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SUBJECT: ACCESS INCIDENTS

1. ONE ACCESS INCIDENT EACH OCCURRED AT EMBASSY JANUARY 15 AND 16. ON LATTER DATE, CONSOFF FORGOT TO MEET DUAL NATIONAL ABE STOLAR AT ENTRANCE GATE AT ABOUT 1100 A.M. AS HAD BEEN ARRANGED. SINCE STOLAR REFUSED TO ACCEPT BACK SOVIET PASSPORT FROM SOVIET AUTHORITIES AFTER RECISSION OF EXIT PERMIT LAST SUMMER, ONLY DOCUMENTATION HE WAS ABLE TO SHOW TO MILITIA MAN WAS EMBASSY LETTER OF INVITATION. LATTER THEREUPON PUSHED HIM ROUGHLY, DESPITE FACT STOLAR WAS NOT RESISTING, INTO MILITIA SHACK INTO HANDS OF ANOTHER MILITIA OFFICER. INSIDE SHACK, AFTER STOLAR RECOUNTED HISTORY HIS PROBLEM, HE WAS TREATED COURTEOUSLY. OFFICER APOLOGETICALLY EXPLAINED THAT MILITIA HAS TOUGH JOB PROTECTING AMERICAN EMBASSY AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT STOLAR UNDERSTOOD AND WOULD NOT BE ANGRY. STOLAR REPLIED HE BORE NO HARD FEELINGS AND ASKED PERMISSION TO USE TELEPHONE TO REQUEST CONSOFF TO MEET AND ESCORT HIM INTO EMBASSY. MILITIA OFFICER SAID IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO MAKE CALL SINCE MILITIA MAN WOULD NOT NOW STOP HIM.

2. INCIDENT JANUARY 15 OCCURRED ABOUT 2.00 P.M. AS TWO CONSOFFS WERE RETURNING FROM LUNCH. SEEING COMMOTION OUTSIDE, CONSOFFS SAW TWO MILITIA OFFICERS HERDING MAN INTO SHACK, WHILE A THIRD ONE WAS RUNNING AFTER HIS DUAGHTER ABOUT 13-14 YEARS OLD.

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CONSOFFS AND MILITIA MAN CAUGHT UP WITH THE GIRL ABOUT THE SAME

TIME. THE GIRL, CRYING AND FRIGHTENED, WAS RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT CONSOFF'S INVITATION TO WAIT FOR HER FATHER IN EMBASSY AND WENT OFF WITH MILITIA MAN WHO CALMED HER AND SAID THEY WOULD RETURN HER TO FATHER UPON HIS RELEASE FROM SHACK. IN RESPONSE TO CONSOFFS' QUERY, MILITIA OFFICERS DEFENSIVELY STATED THEY HAD PUSHED FATHER INTO MILITIA SHACK, BECAUSE HE HAD PUNCHED THEM WHEN THEY REQUESTED THAT HE SHOW IDENTIFICATION.

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